

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 at 01:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for continuing cold conditions across the hills with further snow for most areas, but also some brighter interludes in between. Lower confidence for the details through the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021: A bright, mainly dry day with some sunshine. Bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	<05%	<05%	30%	90%

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Weather: Northwesterly winds will bring a few light snow showers along the west coast and perhaps northern Lochaber through morning with some clear/bright spells in between. Any shower will fade through the day with some longer sunny breaks leading to glare off lying snow. A band of snow will spread east through evening, this falling as rain at lowest levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 90%, falling 20% after dark.

Visibility: Some patches of cloud at or above munro level, but most summits likely clear, especially across the more sheltered southern ranges. Very good visibility expected widely with good clarity to the air.

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	31/36 N	19/24 NW	16/22 NW	14/20 NW	13/18 W	16/21 S	25/33 S
900	17/22 NW	12/18 NW	14/20 NW	13/18 NW	11/16 W	13/17 SW	17/23 S
600	16/19 NE	10/15 W	12/18 NW	11/17 NW	11/15 W	14/18 S	20/27 S
300	8/10 NW	8/13 NW	10/14 NW	9/14 NW	7/11 W	7/12 S	10/17 S
Glen	5/7 W	6/12 NW	8/14 NW	8/15 NW	6/12 W	4/10 SW	9/18 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-10/-21	-9/-18	-8/-16	-7/-14	-7/-14	-7/-15	-5/-14
900	-7/-15	-5/-12	-4/-10	-3/-9	-4/-9	-4/-10	-3/-10
600	-4/-11	-3/-8	-2/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-2/-7	-1/-8
300	-2/-7	-0/-4	1/-3	2/-2	2/-1	1/-3	1/-3
Glen	-1/-4	2/-0	4/1	5/2	4/2	3/1	3/-1
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	100m	100m	200m	300m	500m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold as Arctic air remains, but less windy than previous days. Conditions deteriorating from the west after dark.

Forecast for Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Weather: A cold and windy day with rain or snow never far away and often on the heavy side, especially through late afternoon and evening. The snow level will be higher than previous days, with snow confined to above around 700m but blizzard conditions are likely on higher ground. Very cold air returns through evening with blizzard conditions extending towards Glen level.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 30-40 gusting 50-60mph across highest ground.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite persistent above around 600-800m across all areas with breaks confined to more sheltered eastern slopes of the Trossachs. Visibility will be generally very poor above this especially with frequent blizzard conditions. Rain will turn lower slopes hazy, especially later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** 6-8 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800-1000m, falling 400m later evening.